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**Re: Cultural Resource Monitoring Reports, National Historic Preservation Act Protocols
Leviathan Mine, Alpine County, California**

Dear Mr. Cruz, Ms. Palmer, and Ms. Polanco:

I am writing to provide the monthly cultural resource monitoring reports related to the 2017 Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) activities, to update you on continued RI/FS activities, and to introduce myself as the new project manager for the Leviathan Mine Superfund Site (Site).

Enclosed with this letter are the 2017 Cultural Resource Monitoring Reports, submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Atlantic Richfield Company (Atlantic Richfield), covering the months May through October 2017.

Under Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), EPA directed Atlantic Richfield to conduct the RI/FS. See, *Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study*, CERCLA Docket No. 2008-18, dated June 23, 2008. EPA has directed Atlantic Richfield to submit a Site Characterization Report by December 31, 2017 and a draft RI Report by June 30, 2018.

EPA appreciates your work with us to develop the protocols for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, 54 U.S.C. §306108) and its implementing regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800), as memorialized in EPA's letter to you dated April 19, 2016 (2016 NHPA Protocols).

Most of the ground-disturbing RI/FS activities described in that letter were completed in 2016, and EPA implemented the 2016 NHPA Protocols.

There are two ground-disturbing activities that continued into 2017, as described in the attached monthly reports. EPA continued to utilize the 2016 NHPA Protocols for these activities, which are listed below.

- Drive-point piezometer installation along the upper portion of Leviathan Creek, within the Area of Potential Effect; and
- Bioaccessibility soil sampling, within the Area of Potential Effect and the Expanded Area of Potential Effect.

Both of these activities fall within Category B of the 2016 NHPA Protocols. Atlantic Richfield completed the drive-point piezometer installation in May 2017. This activity is covered in the May 2017 monthly report submitted by Atlantic Richfield to EPA on July 7, 2017. No cultural resources were observed during this task. Atlantic Richfield completed the bioaccessibility soil sampling in October 2017, as discussed in the September and October 2017 report.

EPA anticipates additional sampling will be needed in the summer of 2018 for a supplemental investigation of the Camp Isbell area of the Site. Atlantic Richfield's contractor, AMEC, conducted a Class III cultural resources survey of this area in the summer of 2017, which is attached to the July and August 2017 report. EPA looks forward to consulting with you regarding this area prior to initiating ground-disturbing activities.

Lastly, please note that EPA's former remedial project manager, Lynda Deschambault, retired recently. EPA designated me to serve as the new remedial project manager for the Site. I look forward to future communications with you.

If you have questions about the RI/FS or the Site, please contact me at (415) 972-3939 or Sullivan.Julie@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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